STRENGTHENING FEDERAL CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Improving Children's Health: Strengthening Federal Child Nutrition Programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PREVENTING HARMFUL RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION IN SCHOOLS ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4247, the "Preventing Harmful Restraint and Seclusion in Schools Act." The rule provides one hour of general debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill, as amended. The rule provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report if offered by Rep. George Miller or his designee, which shall be considered as read, shall be separately debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule also makes in order the amendment printed in part B the report if offered by Rep. Flake or his designee, which shall be considered as read, shall be separately debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides on motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that during consideration of an amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this rule, the Chair may postpone the question of adoption as though under clause 8 of rule XX. The rule provides that measures may be considered under suspension of the rules at any time through Thursday, March 4, 2010. The Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this authority. The rule waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rule Committee) against any rule reported from the Rules committee through the legislative day of Thursday, March 4, 2010. Testimony was heard from Chairman Miller of California, Representatives Kline and McMorris Rodgers.

ADOPTING THE RULES COMMITTEE VIEWS AND ESTIMATES ON THE PRESIDENT'S FY 2011 BUDGET

Committee on Rules: The Committee adopted, by a non-record vote, its views and estimates on the President's fiscal year 2011 budget.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D164)

S. 2950, to extend the pilot program for volunteer groups to obtain criminal history background checks. Signed on March 1, 2010. (Public Law 111–143)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine the Army budget overview for fiscal year 2011, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD–124.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the protective forces at the Department of Energy, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on policies, procedures, and practices relating to the transfer of detainees held at the Guantanamo Detention Facility, 4:30 p.m., SVC–217.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Fisheries Enforcement Programs and Operations, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider any pending nominations; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine transportation investments relative to the national economy and jobs, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the 2010 trade agenda, 10:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine chemical security, focusing